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AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUBCOMMITTEE

January 18, 2019
10:00 AM

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family
1700 W Washington St Suite 230, Conference Room B
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the African American Children and Families Subcommittee was convened on January 18, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family, Suite 230, Conference Room B, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

Notice having been duly given.

Members Present (6)	
Roy Dawson, Chair	
Judy Krysik	
Linda Morris	
Teresa Toney (on the phone)	
Leslie Reprogle (on the phone)	
Julie O'Dell (on the phone)	
Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (1)
George Khalaf	Terrilyn Miller

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mr. Roy Dawson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with six members present and one member absent.

2. Welcome/Introductions

Mr. Dawson welcomed everyone. Each Member of the Subcommittee announced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dawson requested a review of the December 21, 2018, Meeting Minutes. Dr. Judy Krysik moved to approve the December 21, 2018, minutes. Mrs. Linda Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

4. Discussion of Go Forward Community Plan

a. Target Data from DCS

Dr. Krysik gave a report on her meeting with the Department of Child Safety (DCS), Assistant Director, Katherine Guffey. Dr. Krysik said that DCS will provide the following data elements in the three requested zip codes:

- Removal of African American children compared to white/non-Hispanic and Hispanic

- Placement type
- Type of permanency
- Length of time to exit

Members suggested reaching out to Mr. Mark Klym, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) Statewide Prevention Coordinator for additional information, including looking at the Arizona CarePortal numbers. Member Mr. George Khalaf will be asked if he can pull data on denominators, such as age.

b. Community Events:

- African American Children and Families Focus Groups – Mrs. Morris reported that First Pentecostal Church (FPC) has space available on Monday's March 12th and 26th. Both dates are open during the day and evening. She stated FPC would need the times the focus groups would be meeting. Members discussed number of people in each focus group and determined the classrooms that can hold 20-30 people would provide a more intimate setting. Multiple rooms will be used. Once meeting times are determined Mrs. Moore will present FPC leadership a budget for the purchase of food and refreshment. Mrs. Leslie Reprogle shared that Agape Adoption would be happy to contribute.
- 8th Annual Conference on African American Disabilities – Chair, Mr. Dawson gave an overview of the events history. An anticipated 400 people are expected to attend on February 15th to be held at the Desert Willow Conference Center located at 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix, AZ, 85040. This year, Trauma Informed Care (TIC) is a hot topic. Maria Cristina Fuentes, Director of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), will be the morning speaker. Members discussed tabling at the event to bring awareness to participants of the work of the African American Children and Families Subcommittee and upcoming focus groups.
- Children of Incarcerated Parents – Arizona State University's Center for Child Wellbeing is presenting the 2018 two and a half day National Conference April 22-25 at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown located at 100 North 1st Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004. Participants of the conference range from program people to renowned film makers. Though progress is being made, members discussed the many challenges and barriers in keeping children connected to incarcerated parents, noting that many of the children are in foster care. The question was asked as to how the Subcommittee can play a role in the integration of parents and children.

5. Future Meeting Date

Mr. Dawson noted the next meeting, scheduled for February 15th has been canceled. He encouraged Members to attend the Conference on African American Disabilities if they are able. The next Subcommittee meeting will be March 15th.

6. Call to the Public

No public present.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Dawson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Julie O'Dell moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moore. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM with no dissenting votes.